



Minutes

Culpeper County Democratic Committee
February General Meeting

Date: February 27, 2019

Location: BOS Meeting Room, Culpeper

Prepared by: Ed Dunphy, Secretary

Agenda

Tuesday, February 26th, 2019 **CCDC February General Meeting Agenda**

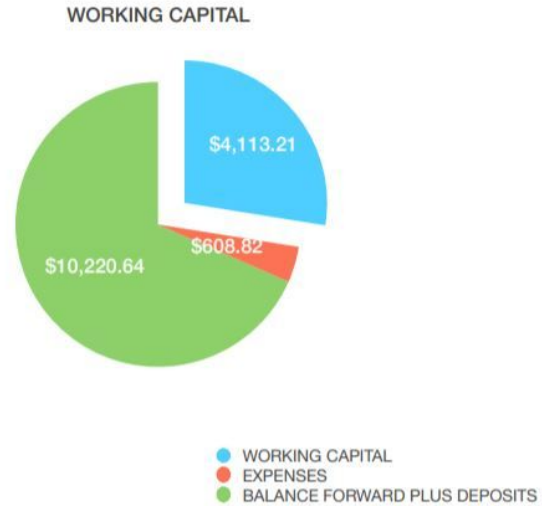
- I. 7pm. Call to order. 42 active members, 17 needed for a quorum. Vote to accept Agenda
- II. Welcome and Announcements from the Chair
 - a. Presentation of the nominations for CCDC Chair
 - b. Vote for CCDC Chair
- III. Secretary’s report: Any changes to the January minutes & vote to accept (2 min)
- IV. Treasurer’s report (2 Min)

Treasurer’s Report Jan 2019 to Feb 2019

BALANCE FORWARD PLUS DEPOSITS	
Balance Forward	\$10,163.02
Deposit (Actblu)***	\$57.62
TOTAL	\$10,220.64

CASH BALANCE	
CASH MINUS EXPENSES	\$9,611.82
Designated for Campaigns	-\$5,498.61
WORKING CAPITAL	\$4,113.21

PAYMENTS MADE	
Ck#301 Travis Warby/Social Committee Expenses	\$199.74
POS Facebook Ads	\$50.00
Ck#301 David Reuther/Voter Registration Banner	\$58.18
Ck#302 Travis Warby/Social Committee; Murder Mystery	\$18.90
Culpeper Chamber Membership	\$180.00
POS Post Office Box Renewal***	\$102.00
****Pending Debits/Credits	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$608.82



- V. Presentation by invited speaker.
 - a. Hailey Barringer, Communications Director Virginia Senate Democratic Caucus. (20min)
- VI. New Business
 - a. Vote in New Associate member – Rice Wagner
 - b. Report on local candidates for BOS, School Board and Constitutional Officers. (3 min Ed Dunphy)
 - c. Social Committee (5 min Travis Warby)
 - i. Thanks for Christmas Party
 - ii. Murder Mystery Dinner

- d. CCDC members open discussion about how we keep up enthusiasm in our attempts to take over the General Assembly in November despite the ever-growing number of allegations and negative press. (anyone who wishes to speak will have 2 minutes)
- e. Any other new business?
- VII. Members, guests' announcements (1 minute each)
 - a. Member announcements
 - b. Guest announcements
 - c. Introduction of first-time attendees
 - d. Introduction of any candidates for office in attendance
- VIII. Adjourn

Attendance.

There were 42 active members in advance of the meeting. The number required for a quorum was 17.

There were 45 members and 6 guests in attendance

The quorum was met at all times.

Call to Order - Meeting was called to order by the 1st Vice Chair, Meroë Dawson at 7:00 pm

Changes to the published agenda. *There were no changes to the published agenda. Motion to accept the agenda Lis Piatt, Second Mike McClary.*

Election of the Chair. Meroë announced that there was one nomination for the open position of Chair, David Reuther. Mike McClary moved to accept David as the new chair by acclamation. Second by Dennis Verhoff. Motion approved and David Reuther was elected Chair. Meroë turned the meeting over to David Reuther. David spoke about the importance of keeping the focus on 2019 state and local elections and not getting ahead of ourselves by thinking too much about 2020. He thanked Ben for putting together a team of officers and committee chairs that will be still in place moving forward. He said that CCDC belongs to the members

and its success is dependent on the effort that everyone puts into electing candidates in state and local elections in 2019.

Changes to and approval of the minutes. Jim Restel moved to accept the minutes, second by Rose Harrity. *Minutes for the January 2018 meeting were approved with no changes.*

Treasurer's Report: Pam Novy presented the Treasurer's report. Report is part of the Agenda. Pam noted a typo in the attached report listing Jan 2018 rather than Jan 2019 at the top. She will correct that. Pam suggested that we round the amount designated for local elections up from \$5,486.61 up to \$5,500 using existing available undesignated funds. A motion to accept the treasurer's report with the change to the "Designated for Campaigns" amount to \$5,500 was made by Rose Harrity and Seconded by Thom. Motion approved.

Guest Speaker: Hailey Barringer, Communications Director for the Virginia Senate Democratic Caucus. Hailey spoke about Democratic legislation that passed in the 2019 GA session and legislation that did not pass.

- Budget items approved:
 - 5% Teacher Pay Increase
 - More Preschool Funding
 - Tuition Assistance
 - Added and Additional \$1.5 m to the Housing Trust Fund bring it to \$7 m.
- Other legislation approved:
 - Repeal of Jim Crow era minimum wage exemptions. These laws had kept wages low for jobs that were traditionally filled by African Americans.
 - No excuse absentee voting.

- First major overhaul of Foster Care in VA in the past 40 years.
- Legislation proposed by Democrats that was not passed
 - 14 gun violence prevention bills were killed in committee
 - No increase in the state minimum wage
 - No ratification of the ERA
 - No LGBTQ protections were allowed out of committee

Hailey fielded question from the membership about legalization of marijuana. She said the top 4 issues based on polling of voters were Healthcare, Education, Transportation and Economic Development. Pam Novy reminded her that those polls were of “likely” voters. A vast majority of Virginians support legalization of marijuana and. by doing so, we would encourage more people to participate at election time.

New Business:

Ed Dunphy made a motion with a second by Tristan to approve new associate member Rice Wagner. Motion approved.

Thom Faircloth moved and Peggy Campbell second a motion to “Select a Parliamentarian to be in attendance at all CCDC General and Executive Committee meetings. After some discussion a vote was taken and the motion was not approved.

Member and Guest Announcements:

Rose Harrity informed us that she and others will be conducting a voter registration drive on March 16th at the Culpeper Methodists Church. This will be in conjunction with the monthly USDA Food Distribution from 9am to 11am.

James Jennings invited members to give him their cell phone numbers if they wanted to be included in invitations to Friendship Dinners held approximately every 6 weeks with local Muslims, Christians and others.

Ann Ridgeway, candidate HOD 30, passed out her bio and provided note cards for folks to write down their ideas about what their Delegate should be doing in Richmond.

Tristan Shields, candidate HOD 18, invited members to participate in a 10K race in Rappahannock County on April 13th. He will be holding a meet-n-greet following the race at the Headmaster's Pub in Sperryville.

Ren LeVally let us know that Laura Galante, candidate HOD 18, was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

Ben Hixon, candidate for SD 17, introduced his new Finance Director Cory Weckerie and asked if anyone wanted to provide Cory with a room. Thom Faircloth volunteered to do so.

Annette Hyde, candidate for SC 24, will be hosting an open house on March 11th from 6pm to 8pm at Old House Vineyard. Gail Costello is the event coordinator.

Amy Laufer, candidate SD 17, has hired Campaign Manager, Han Jones. She has also hired a finance director.

Introduction of first time attendees. Charles McDonald, new member, was in attendance.

Adjournment: 8:25pm Moved by Tristan Shields with a second by Peggy Campbell

Signed Ed Dunphy, Secretary